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planning, organizing, staffing, directing, integrating, or controlling of information technology, including occupational specialty areas such as systems administration, IT project management, network services, operating systems, software application, cyber security, enterprise architecture, policy and planning, internet/web services, customer support, data management and systems analysis.

Private sector organization means nonpublic or commercial individuals and businesses, nonprofit organizations, academia, scholastic institutions, and nongovernmental organizations.

Small business concern means a business concern that satisfies the definitions and standards by the Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA) as defined by 5 U.S.C. 3703(e)(2)(A).

§241.3 Assignment authority.

The Secretary of Defense may with the agreement, of the private sector organization concerned, arrange for the temporary assignment of a DoD employee to a private sector organization or accept a private sector employee from a private sector organization to a DoD Component.

§241.4 Eligibility.

- (a) To be eligible for an ITEP detail, a DoD or private sector employee must:
 - (1) Work in the field of IT;
- (2) Be equivalent at the GS-11 level or above
- (3) Be considered an exceptional employee, meet or exceed successful performance levels and makes significant contributions towards achieving organizational goals:
- (4) Be expected to assume increased IT responsibilities in the future;
- (5) Be currently employed by an organization interested in participating in the ITEP pilot; and
- (6) Obtain supervisor and company approval before an employee can participate in an ITEP detail.
- (b) In addition to meeting the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section, the DoD employee must be serving under a career or career-conditional appointment or an appointment

of equivalent tenure in the excepted service.

- (c) The private sector employee must meet citizenship requirements for Federal employment in accordance with 5 CFR 7.3 and 338.101, as well as any other statutory requirements. When a position requires a security clearance, the person must possess, or be able to obtain an appropriate security clearance
- (d) Proposed assignment meets applicable requirements of section 209(b) of the E-Government Act of 2002.

§241.5 Written agreements.

- (a) Before a detail begins, the DoD Component authorized approving official, private sector organization authorized approving official and the employee to be assigned to the ITEP detail must sign a three-party agreement. Prior to the agreement being signed the relevant legal office for the DoD Component shall review and approve the agreement. The agreement must include, but is not limited to the following elements:
- (1) The duties to be performed and length of detail;
- (2) Describe the core IT competencies and technical skills that the detailee will be expected to enhance or acquire;
- (3) Identification of the supervisor of detailee.
- (b) The agreement shall require DoD employees, upon completion of the assignment serve in the civil service for a period equal to the length of the detail; and
- (c) Provide that if the employee of the DoD or of the private sector organization (as the case may be) fails to carry out the agreement, such employee shall be liable to the United States for payment of all expenses of the assignment, unless that failure was for good and sufficient reason as determined by the Secretary of Defense.

§241.6 Length of details.

(a) A detail shall be for a period of not less than 3 months and not more than 1 year, and may be extended in 3-month increments for a total of not more than 1 additional year by DoD Components and private sector organizations authorized approving officials.